

through Congress to embrace world-class learning standards that all American schools will be given the opportunity to meet and that all American parents and students can judge their own progress by. I am very encouraged by that work and very grateful for the cooperative spirit that we see now in Washington between everybody involved in the educational endeavor. We think that Goals 2000 will turn a nation at risk into a nation on the move in education.

Let me say in closing that I've thought a great deal about education this summer because I just celebrated under this same tent a couple of weeks ago my 25th college reunion. I saw some of my classmates: One of them runs a refugee center for Palestinians in Jordan; one came all the way back from Cambodia where he had his life at risk monitoring the elections in that troubled country where once so many people were killed by tyranny. Many of them have made incredibly valuable contributions to their lives. And all of us were sitting here 25

years later in this very spot remembering with incredible vividness actual specific things our teachers had said to us in class. We had a contest to remember how many verbatim sentences we could remember from different professors we had. And every one of us concluded at the end that none of our lives would have been possible if we hadn't had the benefit of a world-class education.

I hope this Presidential scholarship brings to all of you on this stage those kinds of memories 25 years from now. I hope you will do everything you can to make the most of the opportunities before you. And I hope you will take some time along the way to enrich the communities from which you came and the people who made it possible for you to be here today.

Thank you all. Congratulations, and God bless you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:42 p.m. on the South Lawn at the White House.

Announcement of Senior Executive Service Appointments *June 23, 1993*

The President today announced the appointment of a total of 26 Senior Executive Service officials at Departments and Agencies across the Government.

"We are continuing to move forward with the process of filling all of the positions in the Federal Government," said the President. "I continue to be pleased with the excellence of our appointees, the work that is being done across the Government, and the diversity of the administration we are putting together."

The appointees, who do not need to be confirmed by the Senate, are:

U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency

Jill Buckley, Director, Office of External Affairs, Agency for International Development

Department of Commerce

Jill Schuker, Director, Office of Public Affairs
Ellis Mottur, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Technology and Aerospace in Trade Development
Barry Carter, Deputy Under Secretary for Export Administration

Rita Hayes, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Textiles, Apparel and Consumer Goods
Paul London, Deputy Under Secretary for Economics and Statistics
Meredith Jones, General Counsel, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Department of Defense

Molly Williamson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Near-East and South-East Asian Affairs
Pat Irvin, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Humanitarian Assistance and Refugee Affairs
Stanley Roth, Deputy Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs
Jane Mathias, Deputy Director, Office of Legislative Affairs
Gloria Duffy, Deputy Assistant Secretary and Office of the Secretary of Defense Special Coordinator for Cooperative Threat Reduction and Secretary of Defense Representative and Deputy Head to the Safety, Security and Dismantlement Talks
Sarah Sewall, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Peacekeeping/Peacemaking Policy

Brian Sheridan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Drug Enforcement Policy and Support
Maj. Gen. James Klugh (Ret.), Deputy Under Secretary for Logistics
Louis Finch, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategy, Requirements and Resources

Department of Energy

Jack Riggs, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning and Evaluation
Louis Gicale, Deputy General Counsel for Programs

Department of Health and Human Services

John Monahan, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs
Melissa Skofield, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, Policy and Communications
Portia Mittleman, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aging

Department of the Interior

Debra Knopman, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Jeffrey Lawrence, Assistant Administrator for Legislative Affairs

Department of Transportation

Mark Gerchick, Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration

Department of Veterans Affairs

Dale Renaud, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs
Edward Chow, Deputy Assistant Secretary

NOTE: Biographies of the appointees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Remarks to the National Association of Police Organizations and an Exchange With Reporters

June 24, 1993

The President. First, let me welcome you here. And this is our replay from the time we got weathered out in March. And I'm glad you could all come back. I want to thank you for the work you do and for the support that you gave to me last year when I was attempting to become President and for the support you have given so many of our initiatives in the last 5 months.

I have been busily at work for the last several days working with the United States Senate in our attempt to pass our economic plan, which will reduce the national deficit by \$500 billion and provide some significant incentives to turn this economy around, including keeping interest rates down, which is critical to our future. We've had a dramatic increase in the number of ordinary Americans, I imagine including some people in this room, who have, for example, refinanced their homes in the last 5 or 6 months, because we've got interest rates at a 20-year low, 130,000 new construction jobs in the economy, 755,000 jobs overall. It is critical that we pass this. And that's what we're primarily involved in today, as I'm sure you understand.

I also asked the Congress to adopt a modified bill for making a down payment on our investment package, which they did, which included, as I'm sure you know, some \$200 million for communities to hire police officers. That is a down payment on the campaign commitment I made to empower our communities to hire another 100,000 police officers over the next 4 years, to go to more community policing, to provide for safer streets, and to support you in the work you're doing.

I also want to tell you that the Attorney General and I have been working hard for the last several weeks with interested Members of Congress to bring up a crime bill this year. Sadly, it did not pass last year, for all kinds of reasons. That crime bill is still to be finally defined, but I can assure you it will include the Brady bill; it will include a provision for boot camps as alternative punishment for first-time non-violent offenders; it will include a continuing effort to hire more police officers on our streets and to expand community policing. I welcome the ideas, the expertise, and the advice of all of you in putting this bill together and in push-